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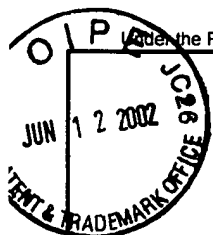


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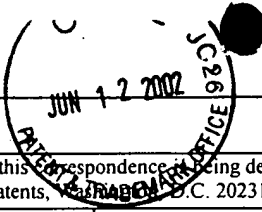
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 16, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before July 16, 2002. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Formal Matters

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claims 1-20 were examined and were rejected.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks made herein.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Hurtig et al., Davis, EP 0803288 (EP Hereafter), or WO 95/12117. It was asserted in the Office Action that the above-referenced patents teach a gimbaled compression pad in combination with a bladder.

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